

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In this Amendment claims 57-75 are added, no claims are amended, and claims 1, 3-11, 13-56 are canceled (claims 2 and 12 were previously canceled). As a result, claims 57-75 are now pending in the application, following entry of this Amendment.

In the final Office Action of January 25, 2007, claims 1, 3-11, 13-14, 17-26 and 29-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent 5,550,576 (Klosterman) in view of U.S. Patent 5,883,621 (Iwamura). Claims 15-16 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of the Klosterman patent and further in view of the Iwamura patent and yet further in view of U.S. Patent 5,438,372 (Tsumori). These rejections are obviated by the present amendments that cancel the previously pending claims and add claims 57-72.

Accordingly, a full examination on the merits is requested for the claims now pending in the application. This Amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Newly Added Claims

Support for newly added claims 57-75 can be found in various portions of the specification, for example, as disclosed at pages 6-9 and shown in FIG. 2. As discussed in the Background, one disadvantage of conventional electronic program guides (EPGs) is that they are only capable of displaying information for tuning devices directly coupled with the information handling system for which the EPG is utilized. For example, an information handling system located in a first room may be coupled with a cable system to receive cable television programming signals, or may be coupled to a satellite dish antenna to receive satellite television programming signals. However, the household may have a television located in a second room remote from the first room coupled to a videocassette recorder (VCR) for displaying information recorded on a videocassette. The VCR may also have an input from a radio frequency (RF) antenna for receiving a television broadcast signals over the airwaves. Since conventional EPGs only provide information for directly coupled tuning devices, the VCR signal—or the broadcast television signal passed through the VCR—is not included as an available tuning device in the electronic program guide. The present invention, as embodied in the claims now pending, overcomes this disadvantage. Accordingly, a full examination on the merits is requested for the newly added claims now pending in the application.

Deposit Account Authorization / Provisional Time Extension Petition

It is believed that no extension of time is required for this filing, and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed in conjunction with this paper attends to the necessary fees. However, to the extent necessary, a provisional petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0439 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. However, in the event there are any unresolved issues, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's representative, Scott Richardson, by telephone at (571) 748-4765 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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